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stated that for the purpose of controlling and restricting the activities of these cross words puzzles, Bill will soon be introduced in Parliament."

(Starred questions Nos. 1382 and 1383 answered together.)

Extension of electric train service beyond Tambaram.

* 1382 *Q.*—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state what suggestions the State Government have made to the Central Government for extending the electric train service beyond Tambaram?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The State Government have impressed upon the Government of India the need for the electrification of the railway system beyond Tambaram and have strongly recommended the electrification of the Tambaram-Villupuram Section at least, if the electrification of the Tambaram-Tiruchirappalli Section is considered to be too big an undertaking to be taken all at once."

* 1383 *Q.*—Sri A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any scheme for the extension of the electrification of suburban railways from Tambaram up to Chingleput has been recommended by the Government;

(*b*) if so, the estimated cost thereof;

(*c*) whether the Government have submitted any proposals for new railway links in the State; and

(*d*) if so, the details thereof?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes. Sir. This Government recommended to the Government of India the extension of electrification of the suburban railways beyond Tambaram at least up to Vllupuram in the first instance, in case it was considered to be too great an undertaking to take up all at once the electrification of the entire Tambaram-Tiruchirappalli Section.

" (*b*) The particulars relating to the estimated cost are not available with the State Government.

" (*c*) & (*d*) Yes, Sir. In connection with the Second Five-Year Plan of the Government of India, the following railways projects were recommended to the Government of India besides the proposal for electrification of lines :—

(1) Theni-Gudalur Section.

(2) Neyveli-Vriddhachalam-Salem (Broad Gauge) Line.

(3) Salem-Bangalore Line.

(4) Chinnasalem-Chingleput Line.

(5) Mangalore-Hassan Line.